

**LODI CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CARNEGIE FORUM, 305 WEST PINE STREET
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2009**

A. Roll call

The Special City Council meeting of March 18, 2009, was called to order by Mayor Hansen at 5:32 p.m.

Present: Council Member Hitchcock, Council Member Johnson, Mayor Pro Tempore Katzakian, Council Member Mounce, and Mayor Hansen

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager King, City Attorney Schwabauer, and City Clerk Johl

B. Regular Calendar

B-1 Council Workshop - Preliminary Task and Expenditure Priorities for Fiscal Year 2009-2010 (CM)

City Manager King and Deputy City Manager Jordan Ayers conducted a Council workshop regarding the preliminary task and expenditure priorities for fiscal year 2009-10. Materials used for the session were provided to participants and made part of the record.

Topics covered included, but are not limited to, economic development, sustainable and livable communities, law enforcement, fire and emergency preparedness, general government, capital, infrastructure and special projects, amount of general fund expenditures for various services, and reserve amounts. Additionally, the following was discussed: sworn police personnel for 1,000, police cost per capita, sworn fire personnel per 1,000, Fire Department costs per resident, economic development cost per capita, building maintenance staff per 100,000 square feet, streets employees per mile, parks expenditures per resident, parks maintenance cost per acre, parks staff per acre of parks, general fund contribution to leisure activities per capita, department percentages of the general fund, and reserve policies and actuals for other jurisdictions.

In response to Council Member Mounce, Mr. King stated fire services for Galt and Tracy are not compared because both cities are served by special fire districts.

In response to Council Member Hitchcock, Mr. King stated Manteca, Tracy, and Galt are higher on the scales because they also include economic development staff and redevelopment.

In response to Mayor Pro Tempore Katzakian, Mr. King stated the building maintenance staff numbers for the City of Lodi as shown on the chart do not include contract employees.

In response to Council Member Hitchcock, Mr. King stated comparing the cities is really difficult because in some cities street trees may be maintained by the parks division or by contract instead of the streets division as is the case with the City of Lodi.

In response to Council Member Hitchcock, Mr. King stated in some cities police and fire can constitute up to 70%. He stated this is a preliminary exercise to get some understanding where the Council may stand on some issues as we begin preparing the budget. Mr. King stated universal standards are difficult because the services are provided in a variety of ways.

In response to Council Member Johnson, Mr. King stated he could give some budget instructions to departments and when the budget is being reduced we need to have some basic

understanding and direction. Mr. King stated this preliminary exercise starts some of the process toward that.

In response to Mayor Pro Tempore Katzakian, Mr. King stated for the sake of discussion the pie is being reduced by approximately \$1.25 to \$1.5 million, working on the premise that general fund revenues will continue to decline.

In response to Mayor Hansen, Mr. King stated for example if the City Council decides to have \$4.2 million instead of \$3.8 million in reserves, then we would need to cut another \$400,000 from next year's budget for a total of \$1.9 million instead of \$1.5 million.

In response to Mayor Pro Tempore Katzakian, Mr. King stated CalPers will become an issue in 2010-11 because that is the time CalPers will begin to make up for its portfolio losses.

In response to Mayor Pro Tempore Katzakian, Mr. King stated the fiscal year would begin with a \$3.8 million designated unreserved amount.

Council Member Mounce requested information regarding which staff is taking vehicles home, the need for those vehicles, and the cost savings for not doing so. Mr. King stated the Police Department has the largest fleet and the most vehicles taken home for response purposes.

In response to Council Member Hitchcock, Mr. King stated the City Council will ultimately decide what if any final cuts are made in relation to the budget.

C. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

ATTEST:

Randi Johl
City Clerk